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From the Flying Post, Febr. 1.

Warsaw, Jan. 18.

YEsterday the King met the Senators, the Primate, the Bishops, and the Great Officers of the Crown at the Castle, when his Majesty, standing, communicated his Sentiments to the Great Chancellor of the Crown; who told them, how glad His Majesty was to see them assembled; That they should soon be inform'd of the Transaction since the last Diet; and that He hoped they would concert the necessary Measures for the Good of the Republic, and for resuming the Diet. 'Tis said the Senate has unanimously resolved, not to give their Consent to the holding of the Diet at any other Place but Grodno, after the Easter Holidays; and that no Proposals be offered there, either as to the Affair of Thorn, or any other, which the Court proposes then to bring upon the Stage. And as the King on his Part, seems to be for the Diet's not Meeting at Grodno, but here, and that as soon as possible, many People are afraid that it will be put off still further.

Rome, Jan. 12. Cardinal Alberoni has sent a Purse of 1000 Crowns of Gold to the Princess Sobieski. The Princess Piombino din'd with her lately in St. Cecilia's Nunnery, and towards the Evening, she went to pay a Visit to the Chevalier de St. George, to perswade him to a Reconciliation, but without Success. The Pope sent a Message 'tother Day by one of his Prelates to the Royal Nun; but what it was, is as great a Secret as her Answer. The chief Ladies of the City go every Day to pay her a Visit.

London, Feb. 1. A great many Warrants for impressing Seamen were call'd in last Saturday.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Jan. 29.

Brussels, Jan. 30. The Marquis of St. Philippe, Minister of the King of Spain to the States General, is daily expected here in his Way to the Hague.

London, Jan. 29. We have received Advice from Hampshire, of a very melancholly Accident which hapened at a Place called Shurly Holmes, near Limington in the said County, viz. On the 18th Inst. one John Adams, a Day labourer, going out betimes from his House to his usual Work, his Wife, some Time after, went to a neighbouring Farm-house to get some Milk, and locked the Door of her House, leaving her three Children asleep, two in a Bed and the third in a Cradle. It happened, by some fatal Accident, (no Body can tell how) that the House took Fire, and the three poor Infants, with every Thing else in the House, were consum'd before the Woman came back. They were all Girls, and the eldest scarce five Years old.

From Mist's Weekly Journal, ...

To the Author of the Weekly Journal.

SIR,

I Have a Son that I bred up at the University, and about a Twelve Months ago, took him Chambers, and entred him in one of the Inns of Court; and as 'tis natural for a Father to be inquisitive after a Son, I made a Journey to *London* for that Purpose, took me a private Lodging for a Week, sent to his Landress, and brib'd her to Secrecy; she told me, that my Son was of the sobereſt young Gentlemen in Town; that he was constanly at home all the Morning, that he went out to Dinner every Day about one a-clock, and that she seldom saw him again till about eleven a clock the next Day. I then asked the old Woman what Time he rose in the Morning; she told me that he was of a very sick and puny Constitution, and if he rose before eleven, he was out of Order all the Day after; and when he did not Breakfast at home, he generally went to a neighbouring Coffee-house near Temple Bar, and returned home about twelve a clock to dress himself for Dinner.

The old Woman, after a second Dram, told me, that my Son had several Ladies who visited him; but that I needed not be uneasy, for his Grand-aunt, a very civil and obliging old Lady (who to be sure I very well knew) came pretty often, and brought one young Lady or other with her.

I did not discover the least Surprize at this, tho' I well knew my Son had not an Aunt in the World, and must confess, till this, I never suspected my Son's Chastity. After a few more Questions, I dismissed the old Woman, and began to consider what

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Time my Son took for his Studies, and what Method I ſhould take in order to make further Diſcoveries. I immediately went to an old Acquaintance of mine, a Hatter and Tabacconiſt, the next Door to the Coffeehouſe my Son frequented. I told him my Buſineſs, and knowing he frequently went to hi Neighbours to ſmoke a Pipe of his own Commodity, I deſired he would give me ſome Account of my Son's intimate Friends and Cronies, who uſed that Houſe. I perceived the old Gentleman at a Stand, and therefore again renewed my Requeſts. He told me that moſt of thoſe pretty Gentlemen were his Cuſtomers for *Hats* and *Pig-tail*, and that it would be ungenerous in him to cenſure their Conduct, to whom he was ſo much obliged: But however, after he had digeſted a Whiff of his beſt *Virginia*, he took me by the Hand, and told me, that he valued my Friendſhip more than his own private Intereſt, and therefore would do his Endeavour to gratify me: But if he was not very particular, he hoped I would excuſe him, for 'twas a very difficult Matter to give an Account of Perſons whoſe Actions could not be accounted for. He told me that the young Fellows were divided themſelves into ſeveral *Setts* or *Clans*; that my Son was of the moſt numerous *Clan* that met at that Coffeehouſe; that about one a-clock at Noon, a large Body of them proceeded, with large buſhy Perwigs, and powder'd Shoulders, to demoliſh a Piece of powder'd Beef; that in about two Hours after, they had returned back to the Coffee-houſe, and retired up Stairs in a Body, to paſs away a dull Hour or two at Cards; from thence they went to the Play, and after that to the Tavern, he told me there were ſeveral Wits amongſt this Sett of Gentlemen, who crack Puns, and expreſs themſelves in a new and eloquent Way, as for Inſtance, ſays the old Man, one of theſe worthy Gentlemen came to my Shop, and deſired me to *mundify* his *Nabb*; I told him I did not underſtand *Latin*, and therefore deſired that he would expreſs himſelf in more intelligible Terms; upon which, with a witty ſnear, he asked my Pardon, and deſired me to bruſh his Hat. I am informed this and ſuch like Wit, flows amongſt them, and that thoſe who are deficient that Way, do ſupply the Defect, by ſending for their Wigs from *Paris*. There is, continued he, a little ſmart dapper Gentleman of that Clan, who has taken indefatigable Pains in writing two Plays, which the Players have rejected, not having good Taſte enough to reliſh them, which I'm afraid, to the inexpreſſible Loſs of the Public, will moulder in Obſcurity. There is another Sett, continued my Friend, whoſe Heads are always full of Crotchets and Muſic, and do not think of any Thing elſe: I asked one of them t'other Day how he liked his new Hat: Upon which he ſtar'd me full in the Face, ſhrugg'd up his Shoulders, and with a ſedate compos'd Countenance, ſung me an Air of *Seignior Senifeni*; which I conſtrued as an Act of Approbation, made my Leg, and retired as faſt as conveniently I could; leſt he, like to my other Cuſtomer before, ſhould take me for a Block-head, and think that I did not underſtand him.

My Friend told me of 3 or 4 Doctors of Phyſick, who frequently came there, and that he believed they met with very pretty Encouragement in their Profeſſions among the young Fellows there; and that he had the Honour of an Acquaintance with one of theſe learned Gentlemen, who told him in the public Coffee-houſe, that a Phyſician, who is eſteem'd the greateſt Man in his Profeſſion, underſtood little or nothing of Phyſic; that he, tho' a young Man, had found out a quite different Method of treating all manner of Diſtempers, which no Man underſtood but himſelf. And my Friend told me, that his Judgment and Skill in Muſic, and every other Branch of the Mathematics, was as extenſive as his Knowledge in this particular Profeſſion; That his great Modeſty was his Misfortune, which Modeſty, like a Buſhel over a Candle, concealed the Brightneſs of his Parts: But however, notwithſtanding the Doctor's Modeſty, a Friend of his, and the Son of a late worthy Prelate, a Barriſter at Law, who at all Times is ready to aſſert, that the Doctor is one of the greateſt Men the World ever produc'd, is his chief Admirer. However, it muſt be owned, or at leaſt ſome People ſay, both the Doctor and his learned Diſciple have ſome very odd Notions of Things, and ſeldom ſtick contradicting the Opinions of the greateſt Authors in all Arts and Sciences, (Sir *Iſaac Newton* not excepted.) From whence, and from the Gravity of their Aſpects, ſome People think they have a Deſign of giving us a new Syſtem of Philoſophy, wherein we may probably ſee theſe two vulgar Errors exploded, *viz. That Fire burns*, and, *That Water is a Liquid*, and other Things above his Capacity.

He told me of another Gentleman, who had left off the Practice of the Law, and turned his Brain to the Mathematics, to the Study and Practice of Chances; and that he verily believed that Gentleman would find out the Longitude.

When my Friend came to a full Stop, I paid him for a Pound of his Saffron-Cut, and took my Leave of

of him, full of Uneaſineſs for my Son's Indiſcretion in keeping ſuch Company, and unprofitable Companions; to which I intend ſpeedily to put an End, and beg the Favour of you to inform me of the moſt prudent Method to bring about the ſame.

Mr. Miſt,

AS you have promiſed to take notice of all Irregularities, you are deſir'd, at the Requeſt of ſeveral Gentlemen and Ladies, to give this a Place.

Conſidering the equitable and indiſpenſible Obligation every Creature owes to his Creator; and that we are excited and commanded to *worſhip the Lord in the beauty of Holineſs, and to reverence his Sanctuary.* It muſt be a Pain and Uneaſineſs to every ſincere Chriſtian, to ſee our Churches, which are the Houſes of God, and dedicated to his Service, made glorious within by his divine Preſence, when we aſſemble and meet together; to ſee the ſame ſacred Dwellings ſo ſlovenly uſed without, as none will ſuffer to their own Habitations. The Temple of Jeruſalem was built by God's appointment, with the utmoſt Coſt and Magnificence, and keep'd from the leaſt Blemiſh or Defilement; and ſurely all that adore his Majeſty, ſhould have no leſs Zeal for his Honour. It may be fitting farther to take Notice of ſome People, who ſeldom viſit the Temple, but their Dogs muſt go with them for Company, which often occaſions Indecencies and Diſturbances. *The Houſe of Prayer* is certainly no more fit for Dogs, than to be *a Den for Thieves.* I only give a Hint of theſe Things; it is not needful to be particular, nor will the Subject allow it. Let all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians meditate in their Hearts, as they paſs by, and ſay, *How amiable are thy Dwellings, thou Lord of Hoſts! This is none other but the Houſe of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven.* Let them conſider what Place it is, and they will have better Regard to the outward Walls, as well as the inward Worſhip.

From the Poſt Boy, Feb. 3.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland, and one from France.

Hague, Feb. 8. The Court of France has ſignalized itſelf in favours of this State, by arreſting Capt. Wolff, who was to command one of the five Ships that now lie ready to ſail from Oſtend to the E. Indies. He went to Dunkirk (it ſeems) to bid Adieu to his Family and Friends, and was there ſeized in his Bed, and confined by Order of the Intendant; whereupon the Directors of that Company have appointed another Commander in his Room. This Capt. Wolff was ſome Months ago in the Maes, when he carried round to Oſtend, under French Colours, the Ship he was to go the Voyage in, ſhe having been purchaſed at Roterdam by the Oſtend Company under a borrow'd Name. Together with him, they likewiſe ſeized his Papers, at which ſome of our Merchants at Amſterdam and Roterdam appearing particularly chagrin'd, we wiſh they may not have been concerned in ſome clandeſtine Practices, by no means agreeable to the Tenor of the Placaerts publiſhed here.

Letters from Rome mention the Death of Cardinal Tolomei, in the 83d Year of his Age; by his Death, there is a 5th Vacancy in the Sacred College.

London, Feb. 3. On Tueſday laſt the Hon. Capt. Coalzier, Son to the Earl of Portmore, was choſen Repreſentative of the Borough of Chiping Wycomb in the County of Bucks, in the Room of Charles Egerton, deceas'd.

S. S. Stock 108, 1 4th. York Build. 12, 1 4th.

From the Evening Poſt, Feb. 3.

Stockholm, Jan. 28. Here is handed about a Writing, which, as ſome pretend, comes directly from Petersburg, the aim of which, is to perſwade this Crown to enter into the Alliance in Negociation, between the Imperial and Ruſſian Courts, the Subſtance of the ſaid Writing is,

That Sweden ſhall not be obliged to aſſiſt either of the contracting Powers, if they enter into a War with any of the Powers of Europe; but if the Hoſtilities ſhould extend ſo far as the North, Sweden ſhall then be obliged only to take proper Meaſures, and employ her whole Power to prevent their being carryed on beyond the Borders of Poland. That on the other Hand, the two contracting Powers, will oblige themſelves to ſupport the Intereſt of Sweden, both in Germany and elſwhere, by any ſuch Means whatſoever, as may be proper. Moreover they will oblige themſelves to indemnify Sweden for all Damages and Loſſes, which that Crown might be expoſed to on that Account. Some will have it, that ſome ſecret Articles are propoſed to be added, but theſe are bare Conjectures.

This Court's Intention concerning the Vienna or Hanover Treaties, is not yet declared.

Paris, Feb. 6. On the 4th an Edict was publiſhed, for coining new Lewis d'or of 30 to the Merk, at the Rate of 20 Livres each; and new Crowns, at 8,

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3 10ths to the Merk, at the Rate of 5 Livres each; and Half-crowns and Quarter-pieces in Proportion. The Gold Pieces will be received in the Mints at the Rate of 492 Livres the Merk; and the Merk of Silver Specie at the Rate of 34 Livres.

Warſaw, Jan. 19. As no *Senatus Concilium* can be held during the Limitation of a General Diet, the Senators will hold their Aſſemblies under the Denomination of a Congreſs: The firſt Conference, which was put off to Yeſterday, is farther adjourned to the 22d Inſt. in hopes that the abſent Senators and Generals will be able by that Time to reach this Place. The Biſhop of Cujavia arrived at the going away of the Poſt, and the Great General of the Crown is daily expected. The Dukes of Courland and Mecklemburg have been here incog. upon a double Account, viz. To recommend their reſpective Intereſts to his Majeſty, and to partake of the Diverſions of the Carnival. No Reſolution has yet been taken concerning the Alliance with Ruſſia.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Feb. 3.

Hanover, Feb. 1. The Counteſs Staremberg is gone after the Count her Husband to the Court of Vienna, and has left her Child here at Nurſe. Yeſterday being Pr. Frederick's Birth-day, it was celebrated with great Magnificence here.

London, Feb. 3. On Saturday laſt 60 Ounces of Silver were delivered at the Jewel Office, to be ſent to Rye, for the new born Son of the Mayor there, it being the uſual Preſent for ſuch Children as the King ſtands Godfather to, in Perſon or by Proxy, that are not Noble.

Haddingtoun, Feb. 5. 1725.

Beſt Wheat,	*L.* 10 00.	2d, 09 *L.* 16.	3d, *L.* 08 10 00.
Beſt Bear,	*L.* 6. 00 00.	2d, 5 *L.* 16 00.	3d, *L.* 5 12 00
Beſt Oats,	*L.* 05 14 00.	2d, 5 *L.* 12 00.	3d, 4 *L.* 10. 00
Beſt Peaſe,	*L.* 08 10 00.	2d, 8 *L.* 00 00.	3d, *L.* 7. 18 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[☙] That a very convenient Houſe, a little down Cloſs, on the South-ſide of the Caſtle-hill, conſiſting of three Storeys (beſides Kitchen, Pantry and Cellar under Ground) with Brewhouſe, Bakehouſe, Coal-cellar, a little Garden, Yard and other Conveniencies, all within itſelf, preſently poſſeſs'd by my Lord Advocate; is to be ſett or ſold. Enquire at George Purdie at the Exchange Coffee houſe.

¶*¶ The Lands and Eſtate of GRAITNEY, which were to have been Rouped the 7th of January paſt is Prorogate to Friday the eleventh Febr. Inſt. when the ſame will be expoſed to Sale, betwixt the Hours of three and four in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Progreſs of Writs and Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Mr. James Baillie Writer to to the Signet, at his Writing chamber above the Exchange Coffee-houſe.

†¶† That the Brewary preſently poſſeſt by Captain Foreſt the th Taylors Land in the Cowgate, oppoſite to the Meal Market, with Kiln and Coble, Barns and Lofts, a Draw-Well of fine Water, and all other Conveniencies for a Brewary, is to ſet, either yearly, or by Tack for a certain Number of Years, as ſhall be agreed upon. The entry to the ſame is to commence at Whitſunday next 1726. Any Perſon who has amind to take the ſaid Brewary, may call at William Clerk Taylor, at the Head of Hackerton's Wynd, who has the Setting of the ſaid Brewary.

N. B. That the above Brewary has been poſſeſſed above twenty Years by the preſent Poſſeſſors.

† The Lands of SHIELS, with the Pertinents, belonging to Charles Forbes of Shiels, holding Feu of the Duke of Gordon; lying within the Parochins of Midmar and Cluny, and Shireffdom of Aberdeen, paying of Yearly free Rent, 909 L. 5 ſh. 4 d. Scots, whereof 60 Bolls and an half of Meall, and 20 Bolls Malt, counted at 100 Merks per Chalder; well accommodate with Moſs, Graſs, and Paſture for Nolt and Sheep, and capable of Improvements: Are to be expoſed to Sale, in whole or in Part, by voluntary Roup, in the Exchange Coffeehouſe in Aberdeen, upon the twenty ſecond Day of March next 1726 Years, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Conditions of Sale, and Progreſs of the Writs, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Thomas Burnet of Kirkhill, Advocate in Aberdeen, or John Thain Advocate there.

♭†♭ Juſt now come home from Cadix in Spain a Parcel of large *Sevil* Oranges, to be ſold in Whole Sale or Retail, the whole Cheſt at 30 *Shillings* as they came home, and all freſh Fruit, at 35 *Shillings*, in Retail at ſix Shillings per hundred, at ten Dozen per hundred, and at 8 Pence per Dozen: As alſo good Limons and China Oranges at reaſonable Rates, either in Wholeſale or Retail: All to be ſold in Leith, the firſt Loft above the Weighouſe.

†§† *Theſe are to give Notice, That the Truſtees and Managers of the Friendly Contribution, for Inſurance againſt Fire, have reſolved, That it ſhall be at the Option of all, who intend to enter into the ſaid Inſurance, to grant Bonds for their Capital Premium, bearing Intereſt from Martinmaſs laſt* 1725, *or in the former Methods.*

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